the labour will be returning and what would be the real situation at that time are things that cannot be foreseen exactly now. We might more or less keep the point so-to-say in mind and just leave things for the time being where they are. We might keep things in mind and do some preliminary work in the matter of the improvement of irrigation, and plans of that kind, and when the actual moment comes and when something more has to be done, we can by utilising all our resources find a way out. We are resourceful enough for that purpose and we have always been able to meet situations as they emerge. I do not think any more marked assurance is called for from the Government on this question. The question is certainly very important and Government are alive to the implications raised by the resolution.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I do not think I am called upon to meet the argument of Mr. Salem, "I am satisfied if I get sugar": It represents an epicurean mentality. What was the argument he advanced? Nobody can understand it. What a wonderful relief from Mr. Salem to the Hon'ble Secretary to Government! There was practically no opposition raised to this matter at all. Though there is general agreement on this point, I thought Government may bestow their thoughts upon this question. That is the object with which I tabled this motion. Since there is general agreement, I believe Government will accept it.

Resolution, put and carried

RESOLUTION No. 14

Shifting of the Anchal Office at Chalakkudi

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I move that "*The Council recommends to Government that the Anchal Office at Chalakkudi may be shifted to a central place in the Bazaar, thereby releasing the present Anchal Office building for the office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools to be created shortly.*"

The Anchal Office at Chalakkudi is situated in a corner of the town. The busy part of the town is in one place and the Anchal Office is about one mile from there. I have brought this subject before in the form of questions and resolutions and the people of the locality have also sent petitions requesting Government to shift the Anchal Office to a central place for the convenience of the business people. Regarding the latter part of the resolution I do not press it. The present Anchal Office building may be utilised for any purpose Government think fit. It may either be rented but it cannot be used as an Anchal Office. So, I request Government to kindly look into the matter and shift the Anchal Office to a central place.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* Is there any Anchal Office at Meloor?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* No.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* Then it can be shifted to Meloor.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It has been where it is now for the last 30 years and Government are reliably informed that if it is changed suddenly from where it is now, it is likely to be protested very strongly by the people of the locality. Therefore Government regret that they cannot accede to the request.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* There are so many things in Chalakkudi which are removed. For instance the trunk road which has been there for the last 30 years. It is now changed. The Anchal Office was started under the existing conditions then. Now conditions are changed. Chalakkudi is changing. I wonder what the Hon'ble Member for Mukundapuram Ezhuvas has to say to shift it to Meloor. I request Government to reconsider the matter. The people have sent petitions to the Superintendent of Registration and Anchal before. The Finance Member knows it. He has received the petitions himself for shifting the Anchal Office. I know the difficulties of people there. I will be very glad if it is shifted to Meloor. But I do not want that. Meloor is not a big place. I do not want to press this motion. I request the Government to reconsider the matter.

Resolution, by leave withdrawn

RESOLUTION No. 15

Legislation for stopping begging, etc.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I move that "*This Council recommends to Government that appropriate legislation may be passed whereby begging shall be stopped and disabled beggars may be maintained and able beggars made to work in work-houses by each local authority so far as the beggars within the area of their authority are concerned and that vagrant beggars may be transported to their respective places of origin*"

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